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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, MILITARY PAY OPERATIONS, DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE (PM/CL)

SUBJECT: Interim Change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Extension of Health Care

Professionals in Critically Short Wartime Specialties (DFAS Item M-3)

Attached is Interim Change 13-03 to the Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoDFMR), Volume 7A and is effective December 2, 2002.

This is a routine change and the result of directed action that does not affect existing policies. A draft of this change was not provided for comment. Assignment of the interim change number is your authority to initiate a procedural modification to implement this change. Use the attached to initiate the formal change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A.

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Attachment: As stated

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## EXTENSION OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN CRITICALLY SHORT WARTIME SPECIALTIES

Paragraph 580303 (as renumbered by Interim Change 22-01) was erroneously inserted in chapter 58 (Pay and Allowances for Inactive Duty Training). Special pay for health care professionals in critically short wartime specialties is payable when these officers are called to active duty. Accordingly, paragraph 580303 of chapter 58 is being moved to subparagraph 570401.G of chapter 57.

- 1. Delete paragraph 580305 in its entirety.
- 2. Revise the bibliography to coincide with the above change.
- 3. Insert the following new 570401.G
- "G. Special Pay for Critically Short Wartime Health Specialist in the Selected Reserves. An officer of a Reserve Component who executes a written agreement to serve in the Selected Reserve of an Armed Force for a period of at least 1 year and not more than 3 years is entitled to special pay for critically short wartime specialists in the Selected Reserves. To be eligible, the individual must be an officer in a health care profession who is qualified in a specialty designated by DoD regulations as a critically short wartime specialty. Qualifying agreements must be entered into between February 10, 1996 and December 31, 2003.
- 1. <u>Rates Payable</u>. Special pay under this section shall be paid annually at the beginning of each 12-month period for which the officer has agreed to serve. The initial installment is payable upon execution of the written agreement. The annual rate may not exceed \$10,000.
- 2. <u>Termination and Refund of Special Pay</u>. If an officer voluntarily terminates service before the end of any 12-month period of the contract, recoup the full amount of the annual payment made at the beginning of that 12-month period. A discharge in bankruptcy that is entered less than 5 years after the termination of Special Pay for Critically Short Wartime Health Specialists agreement does not discharge the medical officer from a debt arising under the terminated additional special pay agreement.

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## 5. Revise the Bibliography as follows:

<u>Paragraph</u> <u>Citation</u>

570401.G 37 U.S.C. 302(g)

DoDD 1205.20,

January 8, 1996

DoDI 1205.21

March 1, 1996

Public Law 107-314, section 612(e),

December 2, 2002